

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7 and 9-34 are pending in the present application. Claim 8 is canceled without prejudice by the present amendment, Claims 35-37 having been cancelled by Examiner's Amendment in the Notice of Allowance of December 3, 2004.

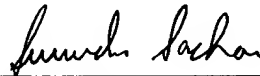
In the Notice of Allowance dated December 3, 2004, Claims 1-34 were allowed.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable matter. Because Claim 8 does not further limit independent Claim 1, Claim 8 is canceled from the present application, and Applicants respectfully request entry of the present amendment that only cancels Claim 8 to correct the above noted informality.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,  
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.



---

Gregory J. Maier  
Registration No. 25,599  
Surinder Sachar  
Registration No. 34,423  
Attorneys of Record

Customer Number

**22850**

Tel: (703) 413-3000  
Fax: (703) 413 -2220  
(OSMMN 06/04)

GJM/SS/RFF/ys

I:\ATTY\RFF\21s\214231\214231-AME312.DOC